

Terms of Reference

On 24 June 2015, the Senate resolved to establish the Select Committee on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan with the following terms of reference:

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan be established to inquire into and report, on or before 26 February 2016, on the positive and negative impacts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and associated Commonwealth programs on regional communities, with particular reference to:

(a) the implementation of the plan, including:

(i) its progress,

(ii) its costs, especially those related to further implementation,

(iii) its direct and indirect effects on agricultural industries, local businesses and community wellbeing, and

(iv) any evidence of environmental changes to date;

(b) the effectiveness and appropriateness of the plan's Constraints Management Strategy, including:

(i) the progress of identifying constraints and options to mitigate the identified risks, and

(ii) environmental water flows and river channel capacity;

(c) the management of the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray mouth, including the environmental impact of the locks, weirs and barrages of the Murray River; and

(d) any related matter.

